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AMERICAN BRIBERY OF PRESIDENT THIEU

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1. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN
ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION:
BEGIN QUOTE

2. THE DOCUMENT DEFAMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM IS A COMPLETE FAKE.

3. SAIGON, JAN 21, 1975-- THE DOCUMENT SLANDERING THE PRESIDENT
OF THE RVN AND BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF TRINH VAN DUC AND
LE CHI CONG WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE CHAIRMAN AND SEC GEN OF THE
VIETNAMESE ASSOC OF OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN THE U.S.
(VAOSRUS), WAS FOUND TO BE TOTALLY FABRICATED. THE REAL
VAOSRUS CHRMN, MR. THAI BA THI, HAS SENT A LETTER OF PROTEST
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TO UPI IN WASH CONFIRMING THAT HIS ASSOCIATION DOES NOT HAVE

ANY MEMBERS BY THE NAMES OF TRINH VAN DUC AND LE CHI CONG.
THE LETTER ALSO SAID THAT THE VAOSRUS HAD NEVER DISSEMINATED A
LIBELOUS DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT OF THE RVN.

4. IT IS KNOWN THAT ON JAN 11, 1975, DEPUTIES HO NGOC NHUAN
AND KIEU MONG THU HELD A PRESS CONF IN SAIGON TO DISSEMINATE
A DOCUMENT WHICH THEY SAID CAME FROM THE VAOSRUS AND WAS
SIGNED BY TWO INDIVIDUALS NAMED TRINH VAN DUC AND LE CHI CONG,
RESPECTIVELY CHRMN AND SEC GEN OF THIS ASSOCIATION. THE
SLANDERUS CONTENT OF THE LETTER CHARGED THAT THE PRES OF THE
RVN HAS RECEIVED US \$7 MILLION FROM THE AMERICANS IN EXCHANGE
FOR HIS APPROVAL OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JAN 27, 1973.
THE PRESS CONF WAS CARRIED BY UPI.

5. ON JAN 17, 1975, MR. THAI BA THI, THE ACTUAL CHRMN OF THE
VAOSRUS, TRANSMITTED HIS LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE HEAD OF THE
UPI OFFICE IN WASH ASKING THE LATTER TO CORRECT THE EARLIER
UPI REPORT.

6. THE LETTER STATED THAT: "THE CHRMN AND THE ENTIRE VAOSRUS
MEMBERSHIP ENERGETICALLY PROTEST AGAINST THE ILLEGAL USE OF THE
GOOD NAME OF THE ASSOC AND REQUEST THAT THE PUBLIC BE INFORMED
THAT THE DOCUMENT CITED ABOVE IS A FABRICATION AND THEREFORE
INVALID. IT WAS FABRICATED BY THOSE GROUPS THAT PROTEST
AGAINST VIETNAM IN ORDER TO COVERTLY UNDERMINE THE STRUGGLE OF
VIETNAMESE NATIONALISTS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS."

7. THE LETTER ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE VAOSRUS IS A NON-
PROFIT ASSOC IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW AND
HAS NEVER HAD ANYONE BY THE NAME OF LE CHI CONG AND TRINH
VAN DUC IN ITS MEMBERSHIP.

8. THE LETTER TO UPI EMPHASIZED THAT AFTER INVESTIGATION,
IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT BOTH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE
TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT SIGNED THE FABRICATED LETTER DO NOT EXIST.

9. THE LETTER CONCLUDED: "OUR ASSOC REJECTS EVERY FEATURE OF
THE ABOVE DOCUMENT AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INITIATE APPRO-
PRIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS FALSIFI-
CATION. WE STRONGLY DEMAND THAT THIS CLARIFICATION BE WIDELY
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PUBLICIZED."

10. MR. THAI BAN THI, THE REAL CHRMN OF THE ASSOC, PERSONALLY
CARRIED THE LETTER TO MR. GRANT DILLMAN, DIRECTOR OF UPI WASH,
WHO PROMISED HIM THAT THE PROTEST AND CLARIFICATION WOULD BE
PUBLICIZED.

1. A SIMILAR PROTEST BY THE ASSOC WAS PUBLISHED BY THE

WASHINGTON STAR ON JAN 14, 1975.

12. IN ADDITION, MR. THAI BA THI WAS INTERVIEWED BY REPORTER
JACK ANDERSON ON JAN 17, 1975. MR. ANDERSON IS A FAMOUS AMERICAN
REPORTER WHO WRITES FOR SEVERAL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND IS A
COMMENTATOR ON MANY MAJOR US RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORKS.
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